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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Toshihiro NAKAMURA, et al.

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EXAMINER:

FOR: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A GLASS DOPED WITH A RARE EARTH ELEMENT AND FIBER FOR OPTICAL AMPLIFICATION USING THE SAME

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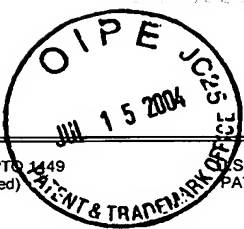
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